



## **Dr. Rebecca Grant**

Rebecca Grant is president of IRIS Independent Research, a qualified small woman-owned business specializing in defense and aerospace research and consulting.

Recent projects include analysis of Tier 1 suppliers in the defense industrial base for the US Air Force (Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition), assessment of long-range strike, and evaluation of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) recapitalization for industry clients. Clients have included Alion, BAE, Boeing, Booz Allen Hamilton, CSC, EADS, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and SAIC.

Dr. Grant received her BA from Wellesley College and a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics, University of London. Her first job was with RAND in Santa Monica, California. She spent three years on the Air Staff at the Pentagon working directly for Secretary of the Air Force Donald B. Rice and then for Air Force Chief of Staff General Tony McPeak in his operations group. Her portfolio included strategic nuclear force reductions, the B-2 program, logistics and depot maintenance cost restructuring, and roles and missions. Her professional experience also includes serving as Vice President, Defense Programs for DFI Government Services and a year as Senior Fellow of the Lexington Institute.

She has lectured at the USAF's Air University and for the air forces of the United Kingdom, Italy, the Netherlands and Australia. She is a frequent guest speaker on airpower, technology and cyberspace at venues ranging from Wall Street investors, to business groups to active-duty Air Force units. Dr. Grant is also the author of major classified reports for the USAF on the Operation Noble Eagle response to September 11, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In the press, Dr. Grant is a Contributing Editor for *Air Force Magazine*. She has written numerous articles on air operations, technology trends, airpower history and great airmen. She served a three-year term as the founding director of the Mitchell Institute from 2008 to 2011. She has appeared on TV as an expert on airpower for the History Channel the Military Channel, and the Smithsonian (2005, 2006, 2012, 2013), and *This Week in Defense News with Vago Muradian*. She is also a regular guest speaker on airpower and current events for the syndicated *Veterans Radio Network*, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Grant also serves as a Director of the Washington Security Forum.